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SUBJECT: TURKISH CYPRIOT PARTICIPATION IN WATER CONFERENCE  
IN U.S.

REF: NICOSIA 1875

1. ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM NICOSIA, AMBASSADOR DIMITRIOU REGISTERED COMPLAINT WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY VEST JULY 21 OVER PARTICIPATION OF KENAN ATAKOL IN JULY 17-21 SAN DIEGO DESALINIZATION CONFERENCE. AFTER REVIEWING ORIGIN OF INVITATION AND PREVIOUS CONTACTS BETWEEN GOC AND EMBASSY ON SUBJECT, DIMITRIOU STRESSED THAT IT WAS NOT SATISFACTORY FOR GOC TO BE TOLD THAT ATAKOL HAD BEEN INVITED TO CONFERENCE AS INDIVIDUAL EXPERT RATHER THAN IN OFFICIAL CAPACITY. FACTS OF MATTER WERE THAT INVITATION HAD BEEN EXTENDED BY ENTITY OF U.S. GOVERNMENT, AND THAT ATAKOL WOULD INEVITABLY SEEK TO EXPLOIT THIS FOR PROPAGANDA PURPOSES BY POSING AS "TFSC" MINISTER WHILE IN U.S. CONFERENCE PAPERS, BIOGRAPHIC NOTES, ETC. WOULD DOUBTLESS IDENTIFY HIM AS MINISTER AND THUS AFFORD HIM PUBLICITY. DIMITRIOU SUGGESTED THAT WE TELL "TFSC" NOT TO EXPLOIT OUR GENER-

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OSITY IN THIS WAY, AND THAT WE TAKE STEPS TO ENSURE THAT  
CONFERENCE MATERIALS ARE MORE CAREFULLY WORDED IN FUTURE.

HE ADDED THAT GOC WAS MOST INTERESTED IN DESALINIZATION  
PROCESSES, AND EXPRESSED REGRET THAT THEIR EXPERT HAD BEEN  
"DEPRIVED" BY THESE CIRCUMSTANCES FROM ATTENDING CONFER-  
ENCE.

2. VEST REPLIED THAT HE COULD WELL UNDERSTAND GOC'S CON-  
CERNS ON THIS MATTER. HE STRESSED, HOWEVER, THAT AS FAR  
AS WE WERE CONCERNED INVITATION HAD BEEN EXTENDED TO  
ATAKOL AS AN INDIVIDUAL TECHNICAL EXPERT, NOT IN CAPACITY  
AS "TFSC" OFFICIAL. WHILE NOTING THAT U.S. WOULD CONTINUE  
SUCH PROGRAMS WITH BOTH CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES, VEST SAID WE  
WOULD LOOK INTO THEIR MANAGEMENT TO ASSURE THAT THEY WERE  
HANDLED IN MANNER WHICH WOULD TO EXTENT POSSIBLE AVOID  
GIVING OFFENSE TO ONE SIDE OR OTHER.

3. DIMITRIOU ALSO RECALLED THAT AT TIME OF MAY VISIT OF  
TURKISH CYPRIOT IV GRANTEE (AND CURRENT "TFSC FINANCE  
MINISTER") TANSEL FIKRI HE HAD RAISED WITH DEPARTMENT GOC  
CONCERN RE BEHAVIOR IN U.S. OF FIKRI AND CITED REPORTS ON  
TURKISH CYPRIOT RADIO OF HIS ALLEGED POLITICAL STATEMENTS  
WHILE IN THE U.S. IN ADDITION BIOGRAPHIC SKETCH HANDED  
OUT IN SAN FRANCISCO BY PROGRAM AGENCY HAD USED FIKRI'S  
TFSC GOVERNMENT TITLES. ON THAT OCCASION, DIMITRIOU  
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NOTED THAT HIS CONCERN WAS DIRECTED TOWARD FIKRI'S ACTIONS  
AND NOT INVITATION ITSELF OR TO INCLUSION OF PROMINENT  
TURKISH CYPRIOTS AS IVP GRANTEES.

4. IN MAY CONVERSATION, DEPTOFF TOLD DIMITRIOU THAT FIKRI  
HAD MADE FAVORABLE IMPRESSION ON US AS QUALIFIED ECONOMIST  
AND WE THOUGHT HIS COMMENTS TO US HAD BEEN QUITE MODERATE.  
HE HAD WELCOMED OPPORTUNITY EXCHANGE VIEWS AND HAD NOT  
USED CONVERSATIONS WITH USG OFFICIALS FOR PROPAGANDA PUR-  
POSES. HE MET WITH MANY DEPARTMENT OFFICERS, NSC AND CON-  
GRESSIONAL STAFFERS AND ATTENDED SFRC MARKUP SESSION ON  
FY 78 SECURITY ASSISTANCE BILL. WITH US FIKRI MADE CLEAR  
HE INTENDED WHILE IN U.S. TO EXPLAIN TURKISH CYPRIOT  
STORY AND TO GET ADVICE ON HOW TO BOLSTER NORTHERN CYPRUS  
TOURIST INDUSTRY.

5. IN CONVERSATIONS WITH FIKRI, DEPOFFS SAID WE THOUGHT  
PREVIOUS TURKISH CYPRIOT PROPOSALS RELATED TO AN INTERIM  
GOVERNMENT AND REOPENING OF NICOSIA AIRPORT WERE NON-  
STARTERS WHICH DID NOT SEEM TO DEMONSTRATE GOOD FAITH. WE  
THOUGHT THAT PERIOD PRIOR FORMATION NEW TURKISH GOVERN-  
MENT GAVE TURKISH CYPRIOTS GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW THAT

THEY REALLY WANTED THE NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT FOR CYPRUS  
WHICH THEY CLAIMED TO FAVOR. WE SUGGESTED TO FIKRI THEY

COULD REVISE THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSAL OR ISSUE A  
PUBLIC STATEMENT INDICATING THEY FAVORED NEGOTIATED SOLU-  
TION. SUCH STEPS WOULD IMPROVE THE ATMOSPHERE, MAKE A  
POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS AND  
BETTER THE IMAGE OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS. FIKRI DID NOT  
PARTICULARLY LIKE THESE COMMENTS, BLAMING MAKARIOS AND THE  
GREEK CYPRIOTS FOR FAILURE TO MAKE PROGRESS TOWARD  
NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT.

6. COMMENT: DEPT INTENDS TO CONTINUE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE  
OF WASHINGTON VISITS BY RESPONSIBLE TURKISH CYPRIOTS SUCH  
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AS FIKRI TO OUTLINE U.S. THINKING IN LOW-KEY WAY. SHOULD  
ATAKOL COME TO WASHINGTON FOLLOWING SAN DIEGO CONFERENCE,  
EUR/SE OFFICERS WOULD SEEK OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH HIM  
INFORMALLY. WE APPRECIATE GOC SENSITIVITIES AND WILL  
CONTINUE TO BE CAREFUL NOT TO RECIEVE TURKISH CYPRIOTS AT  
HIGH LEVEL IN DEPT OR ACCORD THEM WHAT THEY MIGHT  
CONSTRUE AS FORM OFFICIAL RECOGNITION OF "TFSC." VANCE

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